

NEWS OF THE DAY.

To show the very age and body of the Times.

In the Methodist General Conference, at Chicago, yesterday, Dr. Gilbert Haven, of Boston presented a preamble in regard to the impeachment trial, expressing the strongest condemnation of the course of the President, and the importance of his conviction; and closing with a resolution to devote an hour on Saturday morning to prayer for the Senate and the country. The reading of the preamble created intense excitement, and after an earnest discussion it was tabled by an overwhelming vote. This is from the dispatch to the Associated Press. A dispatch in the Washington Chronicle from Chicago says, that the conference adopted unanimously the following: "Whereas painful rumors are in circulation, that, partly by unworthy jealousies and partly by corrupt influences, pecuniary and otherwise, most actively employed, efforts are being made to influence Senators improperly, and to prevent them from performing their high duty; therefore, Resolved, That we hereby appoint an hour of prayer from nine to ten o'clock A. M. to-morrow, to invoke humbly and earnestly the mercy of God upon our nation, and beseech Him to save our Senators from error, and to so influence them that their decisions shall be in truth and righteousness, and shall increase the security and prosperity of our beloved Union."

Most of the dealers in Detroit have been selling coal oil, bearing the brand of Ohio Inspectors, certifying it to stand the fire test required by law. Lately the U. S. officers claim to have discovered that the oil so branded will not stand the test, and they have arrested two or three hundred grocers for selling it. The penalty is a fine of from \$100 to 500, and imprisonment. There is a great commotion in the trade, and a meeting was held on Friday to take measures for trying the validity of the tests applied by the Government officers, and for contesting the constitutionality of the U. S. law which establishes the standard oil and fixes the punishment for selling inferior grades.

In 1864 Gen. Banks issued an order confiscating the dividends upon the stock of the New Orleans Gas Company, accruing to officers and others in the services of the Confederate Government and to all persons residing in the Confederate lines who had not renewed their allegiance to the U. S. Government. Gen. Buchanan has issued an order removing certain cases the restraint imposed by General Banks, and makes the order retroactive, so as to embrace all dividends due since the issuance of the peace proclamation.

The cotton mill known as the White Mill, belonging to the Fall River Manufacturing Company, was totally destroyed by fire yesterday. The fire is supposed to have been caused by spontaneous combustion of oily cotton. The building contained about 9,000 spindles, about \$15,000 worth of cotton and \$20,000 worth of cloth. The loss is about \$120,000, on which there is \$90,000 insurance, all in Eastern offices.

On Tuesday last George N. Harrington, known in the negro minstrel profession as George Christy, died in New York city. His career, until within a few years past, was one of great prosperity.

The Toledo Blade mentions that an unusually large quantity of potatoes are being shipped from that city this spring. A total of 80,420 bushels have been forwarded to various points already.

Cornish, a colored delegate to the Mississippi Radical Convention, has been indicted by the Grand Jury for stealing Convention warrants from another colored delegate.

Ex-Gov. Buckingham was last night nominated by the Republicans of Connecticut as the successor of Senator Dixon, (Johnson Democrat) whose term expires in March next.

In Louisiana the official vote on the Constitution shows 17,413 majority in favor of the ratification of the Constitution. Only one Democratic Congressman was elected.

Some of the Fifth Avenue soldiers of New York are now dressing their male servants in scarlet breeches and cream colored coats, in imitation of English snobbery.

Motion was made in the U. S. Court, New York, yesterday to liberate J. C. Braine, captor of the Chesapeake, &c. The Court reserved its decision.

Cholera is spreading in Uruguay, and decreasing in Buenos Ayres. A malignant fever is raging in Nicaragua.

The funeral of Lord Brougham took place at Cannes, France, on Wednesday.

THE IMPEACHERS AT WORK.—A letter from Washington, says:—

"On the House side the impeachers are again moving, but the exact point at which they are now driving has not been definitely determined. In his speech on the reconstruction bill to-day, Mr. Brooks charged that they were in caucus in the basement of the capitol, engaged in an effort to ascertain how they could gain the ground lost and yet secure the removal of Mr. Johnson. Certain it is that all the most earnest impeachers have been very busy, and it is known that the managers have summoned and examined witnesses, but to what end has not transpired. Mr. W. W. Warden, a well-known Washington correspondent, and Mr. Evans, of the President's counsel, were before them to-day."

Another letter from Washington says: "The impeachment managers of the House held a meeting to-day and had before them several witnesses, and expect to continue the examination to-morrow. There is no official information of the character of the investigation before the managers, but common report says the purpose is to discover what, if any, attempts have been made to influence or procure the votes of Senators in favor of acquittal of the President. The friends of the President to-night say they are pleased with the opportunity to go into such an investigation, and especially if they are to be permitted to present testimony of the efforts made and the acts done by the impeachers to intimidate Senators who were supposed to be opposed to conviction of the President."

A WELL SWORN OFFICIAL.—The appointment of Dr. Mills as City Sergeant was yesterday presented to the Hastings Court, and after filing a certificate that he had taken the oath required by act of Congress of July 2d, 1862, he took an oath to support the Constitution of the U. S. He then took an oath of fidelity to the Commonwealth, then, by way of variety, the anti-duelling oath, and then, for a change, he took the oath of office.

He then gave bond in the sum of \$10,000, with Messrs. Franklin Stearns and R. B. Pearson as sureties, took possession of the office and nominated as his deputies the old officers.—Richmond Whig.

A SERIOUS AFFRAY.—We learn that an altercation took place in Cleveland, Tennessee, on Friday last, between Mr. Alex. S. Jones, formerly of Bristol, well and favorably known in this and Bedford counties, and a gentleman of that place. Mr. Jones shot and wounded his antagonist in the hand, the same ball also striking and killing a little boy. Mr. Jones was immediately arrested, tried the next day by the court then in session, and sentenced to the penitentiary for two years.

We learn that efforts were being made by Mr. Jones' friends to obtain a new trial.—Lynchburg Virginian.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

A large colored meeting was held in Norfolk, Tuesday, at which Bayne made a speech, denouncing the Suffolk Convention, the carpet-bagger, Chandler, and "the white trash generally." Resolutions were passed, asserting the right of the negroes to an equal share in the distribution of offices.

Ship Augusta, Captain Haynes, about to sail for Liverpool from Norfolk, Va., has on board 1,471 bales cotton, 4,897 bags, containing 9,842 bushels corn, 300 bbls. crude turpentine, 4-418 bbls. rosin, 396 bbls. manganese, 109 bbls., 43 tierces, tobacco, 927 hhd. staves, 9,600 treenails.

A colored man named John Breckinridge made a Conservative speech at Campbell Court House on Monday last, in which he declared that the Radicals were doing nothing for the colored people's true interest, and only wanted their votes to put white Radicals into office.

The Court of Appeals, yesterday in the case of W. B. Jones, vs. the city of Richmond, reversed the decision of the lower court, thereby deciding that the city is bound to pay for the liquors destroyed, by order of the Council, on evacuation night.

An invitation has been extended to Rev. W. E. Munsey, to deliver the address at the dedication of the new Masonic Temple, which will take place on the 23d day of July, in Winchester.

Col. Geo. T. Rogers, the former commander of the 6th Virginia regiment, during the war, has been tendered a position on the Virginia and Tennessee line by General Mahone.

Mr. Ludlow, late Mayor of Norfolk, has been presented with a gold headed cane by the police of that city.

NOVEL PROCEEDINGS.—Our attention has been called to the action of the magistrates of the Hastings Court relative to a case which was brought up before them on Tuesday last. Herman Schwarz, (white), and Lewis Sampson, (negro), were jointly arraigned under an indictment for an affray in the public street. They were placed on trial, and found guilty. The jury assessed a fine against each of \$10.

The court set aside the verdict, and granted them a new trial. A new jury was empaneled, and the case tried over. The evidence being so conclusive, that the second jury returned the same verdict word for word. Notwithstanding the two verdicts, the court refused to pass judgment, but bailed the parties for their appearance yesterday, when the magistrates decided that the negro should be discharged, and the white man pay the fine of \$10 and the entire costs of prosecution. M. J. Strudivant represented the Commonwealth on the first hearing of the case, and Mr. Daniel on the second. Both of these gentlemen assured the court and the jury that each of the accused was equally guilty, and should suffer the same penalty.—Richmond Enquirer.

THE NEXT STEP FORWARD.—Wendell Phillips, in the last number of the "Anti-Slavery Standard," cracks his whip in advance over the ears of the delegates to the Chicago Convention. From impeachment, he warns the Radicals, to move on!

"After impeachment, the safety and future of the Republican party demand the embodiment into law and platform alike, of the principle of equal national citizenship—the same in Michigan as in South Carolina.

Chicago must be made to feel the pressure of the necessity referred to. The platform to be adopted must demand the enactment of equal suffrage. Congress must be required to enact a law that will accomplish this, or it must submit an amendment to the constitution establishing it. The South will be there, in the person of her delegates, white and colored, to declare that without such declaration and enactment by the Republicans, in national convention assembled, there will be no security for them or their party in the South."

SEVERE HAILSTORM.—HEAVY RAIN.—Yesterday morning was very Aprilish, and showers and sunshine alternated for hours, but this fickle play culminated about three o'clock P. M. in a hail storm during which stones as large as chestnuts fell with great force. We were at the Capitol at the time, and the furious rattle upon the skylights and tin sheeting reminded us of bellum days. The great stones, we were sorry to see, pelted through the broken glass in the dome of the Capitol and rattled and rebounded from the Washington Statue in the rotunda beneath. The Library also is in a very leaky condition and the attendants are compelled during rains to set buckets under the numerous leaks to prevent the floor from being flooded. The hail was followed by a heavy rain, which deluged the streets and overflowed the gutters. Some of the side walks were knee deep in water, and basements and cellars were overflowed.—Rich. Whig.

A letter from New York city says that the agent of the Virginia college over which General Lee presides has been kindly received by a great many prominent Republicans and their response was generous, liberal, and without conditions. The writer adds: "Dr. Tynge, sr., was the only man to whom Mr. Walton applied that demanded any concession. He said that if the college would admit negroes he would lend his influence in its behalf." To this Mr. Walton replied that until Columbia College of New York city, and other first-class northern institutions, admitted negroes, it was not reasonable to expect a Southern college to adopt that policy. We wonder if this man Tynge, sr., did "demand this concession." Mr. Walton's reply to him, as reported, was a proper one—but the error was, in ever going to him at all. We are quite sure that no body in Virginia ever wants his "influence" about anything.

"THE IRON-CLAD."—An effort was made, in organizing the Norfolk Council, to spring the iron-clad oath on the old members, or, in other words, to bar them out by means of that instrument. But by their being ejected it was found that a quorum was not present, and it was arranged to proceed to the slight business they had to do, (the filling of three vacancies) with them as a part of the body.

It will be remembered that Gen. Schofield has decided this point already in regard to members of the Petersburg councils. His decision in that case was, that old members who held over were not required to take the oath.—Norfolk Day-Book.

COL. ROBERT E. WITHERS.—We learn from a private letter that Col. R. E. Withers, the Conservative candidate for Governor, left Lynchburg on Monday last, for Russell county, on private business; but he will probably take the occasion to make several speeches in the southwest during his visit to that section. He will probably speak at Russell C. H., and at Abingdon. The Conservative State Committee have invited him to come to Richmond next Monday in order to arrange for the canvass of the State.—Rich. Eng.

Hon. S. F. Leake will address the people of Orange at their May Court, (4th Monday) the people of Abingdon at their June Court, (1st Monday) and probably the people of Louisa at their June Court, (2nd Monday) and of Greene, at their June County Court, (Wednesday after 2nd Monday.)

COMMERCIAL.

Alexandria Market, May 15, 1868.

FLOUR, Superfine	\$11 25	@	11 50
Extra	12 50	@	13 50
Family Extra	13 00	@	15 00
Family Choice	13 00	@	15 00
WHEAT, White, prime	2 80	@	2 90
Good	2 60	@	2 75
Red, prime	2 75	@	2 85
Good	2 50	@	2 70
CORN, White	1 11	@	1 14
Yellow	1 12	@	1 15
CORN MEAL	1 08	@	1 12
OATS	80	@	85
RYE	1 75	@	1 85
DRESSED HOGS, per 100 lbs.	10 00	@	11 00
APPLES, Dried per lb.	10 00	@	11 00
Green per bbl.	2 50	@	4 00
IRISH POTATOES	1 25	@	1 80
SEED, Flax	2 30	@	2 55
Timothy	3 00	@	3 20
Glover	7 50	@	8 00
SLASTER, Ground, per ton of	1 00	@	1 65
220 pounds	9 00	@	0 00
Ground	11 00	@	0 00
"bags	10 00	@	0 00
Lump	6 75	@	7 00
SALT, Ground Alum	3 00	@	3 20
Liverpool fine	3 00	@	3 20
Turk's Island, from store	65	@	0 00
WOOL, Common Unwashed	27	@	0 29
Washed	38	@	0 40
Fleece, washed	33	@	0 35
Merino, unwashed	30	@	0 32
Merino, washed	40	@	0 45
BUTTER, prime	20 85	@	0 40
Common to middling	20 20	@	0 25
EGGS	22	@	0 23
BEANS, White	37 50	@	0 20
BAKON, Hams, prime country	30	@	0 20
Sugar-cured	20	@	0 22
Sides	17	@	0 17 1/2
Shoulders	15	@	0 15 1/2
LARD	21	@	0 21
HAY, per ton, from the cars	18 75	@	0 10
WHISKET	2 05	@	6 00

REMARKS.—The market closes quietly with a fair demand but very light offerings. Flour continues unchanged and high grades of Family are firm. Wheat has declined during the week and the market closes 60c to 10c lower, choice white selling at 20c30c, and red 23c20c. Corn has rallied and prices are firm, with sales on 'Change to-day of mixed at 11c11 1/4. Rye is quiet, with sales at 18c for small lots; receipts so light as scarcely to warrant accurate quotations. Corn Meal in good supply, with sales of country-ground at 11c. Butcher is in better supply and prices are still tending down, and prime may now be quoted at 40c. Lard quiet and unchanged. Bacon steady. Plaster quiet. Seeds inactive. Irish Potatoes firm. Hay in fair supply. Wool quiet. Fertilizers in moderate demand. Business is generally quiet, and the inclement weather has a very depressing effect.

BALTIMORE CATTLE MARKET, May 14, 1868. Beef Cattle.—Prices to-day ranged as follows: Old Cows and Stearwags at 5c50c; ordinary thin Steers, Oxen and Cows at 5c50c; fair quality Beef at 7c50c; and very best at 9c50c; per 100 lbs. the average price being about \$7 50 gross. The market was quite active, and prices 25 to 50c per 100 pounds higher than the rates of last week.

Sheep.—The supply has been fair during the past week, but owing to a short supply and good demand in Eastern cities, rates have improved here to per lb. Prices to-day ranged as follows: fair to good Sheep at 4c47c, and extra at 7c per lb gross. Lambs 2c50c per lb. d. Hogs.—The arrivals continued large during the past week, but chiefly of an inferior quality. The demand for all kinds has been good, and the quotations of last week fairly maintained.

Prices to-day ranged as follows: fair to good live Hogs at 12c50c14c25, and extra at 14c50 per 100 lbs net.

To-day the May compounds matured, of which issue we have stated several times already, there are outstanding \$24,000,000, with interest added. There is also outstanding \$4,745,280 of over-due compound notes. The unissued balance of \$22,000,000 of 3 per cent certificates will be available for the payment of both interest and principal of these notes; so that it may be estimated that about the whole of the certificates will this month go into the legal-tender reserve of the banks, besides a certain amount of plain legal tenders. The certificates being available for clearing house settlements, and being also payable on demand in greenbacks, they will contribute to a freer circulation.—Balt. Sun.

FISH MARKET, May 15.

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Wholesale Dealers in Fish.			
SHAD, per 100	\$14 50	@	03 00
HERRING, per 100	11 37 1/2	@	03 00
WHITE PLOCH, per bunch	60	@	00 25
ROCK, per bunch	20	@	00 25
OFFAL, per bunch	8 00	@	00 20
No. 1 HERRING per bbl.	8 00	@	00 00
"	4 25	@	00 10
FAMILY ROE HERRING	10	@	00 00
"	5	@	00 00
FAMILY SHAD per bbl.	14 00	@	00 00
"	7 50	@	00 00

REMARKS.—Fish very scarce.

MARINE LIST.

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA—MAY 15.

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Steamer E. C. Knight, Denty, New York, by H. C. Winslip.	
Steamer George H. Stout, Ford, Philadelphia, by M. Eldridge & Co.	
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